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Applicant : Daniel Stearns et al. Attorney Docket: CIL-10843  
Serial No. : 09/896,722 Art Unit: 1765  
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For : A Method To Repair Localized Amplitude  
Defects In A EUV Lithography Mask Blank

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT  
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences  
from the decision of the examiner, dated October 31, 2003, rejecting claims: 1-25 and 36.

The fee for this Notice is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$330.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be  
required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501913. I have enclosed a  
duplicate copy of this sheet.

If any impediments remain, please contact the undersigned at 808-270-1011.

Respectfully submitted,

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